

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Carlo ZANOTTA)	Group Art Unit: 3749
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Application No. 10/594,269)	Examiner: N. Mashruwala
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Filed: July 24, 2007)	Confirmation No. 1854
)	
For: PROCESS AND PLANT FOR)	
PRODUCING A REFUSE)	
DERIVED SOLID FUEL)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed September 9, 2011. Without withdrawing the allowed claims from issue, Applicant submits these comments for the record.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance, which emphasized or focused on certain elements of the independent claims. Although Applicant agrees with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the claims are allowable, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable not solely because certain elements and steps of the claims are not disclosed by prior art. Rather, the claims are allowable because they recite novel and non-obvious combinations of elements, including combinations not mentioned in the Examiner's statement. Moreover, Applicant does not subscribe to the Examiner's paraphrasing and

characterization of the claims to the extent that such paraphrasing and characterization is inconsistent with the actual claim language. Applicant also does not subscribe to the Examiner's characterization of the disclosure of the cited references in relation to the claim language to the extent that the characterization is inconsistent with the actual teachings of the references.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these Comments, please charge the fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 8, 2011

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